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AF/E FOR AMBASSADOR WILKOWSKI

EO 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: TAW

REF: LUSAKA 1662

1. IN BRIEF TELEPHONE CALL THIS AFTERNOON TO SOLICITOR GENERAL CHIBESAKUNDA AT HER HOME, INFORMED HER OF TAW'S APPARENT INTENTION GO TO ARBITRATION AND SUGGESTED TAW ISSUE LIKELY SUBJECT DISCUSSION DURING FOREIGN MINISTER MWAANGA CURRENT VISIT WASHINGTON. CHIBESAKUNDA EXPRESSED SURPRISE AND, AS SHE HAD DONE DURING JULY 23 WASHINGTON MEETING WITH OPIC, HOPE OPIC WOULD EXERCISE GOOD OFFICES IN ATTEMPT ASSURE ALL POSSIBILITIES FOR NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT EXHAUSTED BEFORE RECOURSE TO LEGAL OR ARBITRAL PROCEEDINGS. IF TAW DETERMINED GO AHEAD WITH ARBITRATION, SHE SAID, THERE OF COURSE NOTHING GRZ COULD DO ABOUT IT. ON STRENGTH OPIC PRESIDENT MARSHALL JULY 24 LETTER TO HER (STATE 162519), ASSURED HER OPIC SHARED HER HOPE FOR NEGOTIATED SOLUTION.

2. RE 62 TAW TRUCKS PRESENTLY IN ZAMBIA, SOLICITOR GENERAL SAID SHE HAD WRITTEN LOCAL TAW LEGAL COUNCIL
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SEBASTIAN ZULU WEEK OR SO AGO ADVISING HIM OF

GRZ INTEREST IN RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS FOR PURCHASE. ZULU HAS NOT YET RESPONDED.

3. CHIBESAKUNDA MORE RESERVED RE 300 GM TRUCKS ASSEMBLED IN U.S. TO TAW CONTRACT SPECIFICATIONS. SAID IT HAD BEEN LEFT DURING HER WASHINGTON VISIT THAT POSSIBLE GRZ ACQUISITION OF THOSE TRUCKS WAS SOMETHING WHICH COULD BE CONSIDERED AT LATER DATE. HER "PRESENT INSTRUCTIONS" DO NOT INCLUDE PURSUIT OF THAT OPTION.

4. DID NOT PRESS MATTER FURTHER AS CHIBESAKUNDA SEEMED RATHER UNWELL AND IN ANY EVENT NOT PREPARED TO SAY MORE AT MOMENT. UNDERTOOK TO TRY TO KEEP HER INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS, THOUGH AMBASSADOR MWALE WOULD PRESUMABLY BE SENDING FULL REPORT.
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